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## DAVE BURBA

### A "WELCOME" ADDITION

by Steve Herrick

Dave Burba knew the opening of the 1998 season would be something he would remember for a long time. He didn't know just how memorable it would be. And come October, the season might be even more memorable.

Springfield, Ohio). You know how it is when you're a kid. I always dreamed of being the Opening Day starter for the Reds and pitching Game 7 of the World Series and getting the last out. It was a great opportunity for me. Opening Day is a big tradition in Cincinnati. It would have been an honor for me to pitch. When it didn't happen, the timing was more disappointing than anything."

Burba was the subject of trade talk throughout Spring Training. The Reds were looking to trim payroll and several teams, including the Indians, were looking for a solid starting pitcher. "I'd heard all the trade rumors in Spring Training, but it never happened," he

said. "When it didn't, I thought maybe something would happen in July. I pretty much forgot about it."

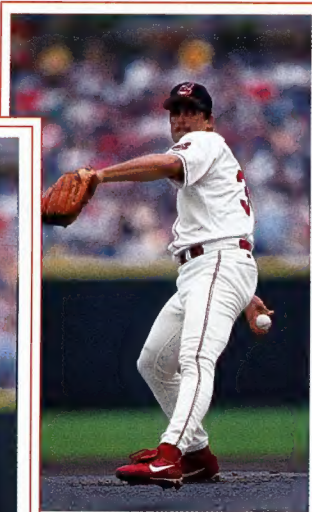
Until the day before the opener. Burba was going about his business at Cinergy Field and eagerly looking forward to one of the biggest moments in his career.

"We had a workout the day before the opener," he said.

"When it was over I got called in the office. I knew something was going on. I had a bunch of family and a bunch of friends coming to the game. I had about 30 passes. I called my parents and I called my wife. It was weird. I had just gotten into an apartment. I had to pack up everything."



Dave Burba winds and releases the pitch. After being acquired by the Indians at the start of this season, Burba has taken a question mark out of the Indians starting rotation.



Burba was set to fill every kid's dream — pitching the season opener for the team he grew up rooting for. Instead, he ended up with the defending American League champions. On March 30, the Indians acquired the righthanded pitcher from the Cincinnati Reds for first baseman Sean Casey.

**The trade stunned just about everybody.** It stunned Indians fans. It stunned Reds fans. And most of all, it stunned Burba.

"The trade wasn't hard," he said. "It was more disappointing than anything. I grew up a big Reds fan (in nearby

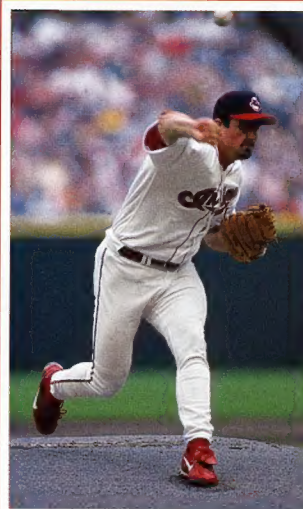
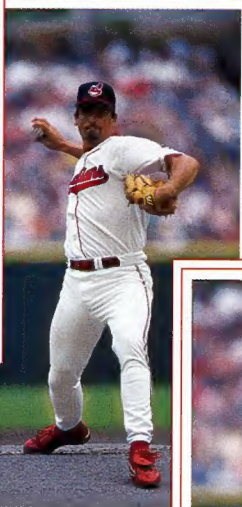


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*"It's great to be here. I love playing in this atmosphere."*

*—Indians Pitcher Dave Burba*

*"Dave has been everything we were told he would be. He's kept us in games and been very durable."*

*—Indians Manager Mike Hargrove*

The deal sent shock waves through both of Ohio's Major League cities. Cincinnati fans couldn't believe their Opening Day pitcher had been traded. And Indians fans were surprised to lose Casey, the organization's top hitting prospect. Tribe general manager John Hart had sound reasons for the trade. At the time, the Indians' rotation had been rocked with injuries. Ben McDonald had to be sent back to Milwaukee because of recurring shoulder problems. Chad Ogea (knee surgery) and Dwight Gooden (sore shoulder) would start the season on the disabled list.

"We felt we were short in the rotation and we also felt Dave was ready to have a breakthrough season," said Hart.

Burba didn't have much time to adjust. "I had to fly out to Seattle the next day where the Indians were playing," he said. "I only knew a few of the guys. When you go into a new situation, you don't know what to expect."

### **It didn't take long for Burba to realize what a break the trade was.**

"When I got here and met the guys, there's been nothing but positive things," he said. "It's great to be here. I love playing in this atmosphere. It was a blessing. We're sold out every night. It's fun to come to the clubhouse every day. I like to joke and have fun. Everybody here is laid back."

Burba, 32, has been everything the Indians expected. He was 10-5 with a 3.62 ERA in his first 17 starts. Even better than that, he kept his team in games and ate up innings almost every time he took the mound. Burba allowed three runs or fewer and pitched at least six innings 14 times in his first 17 starts. "Dave has been everything we were told he would be," said manager Mike Hargrove. "He's kept us in games and been very durable."

Little did Burba realize Cincinnati would be the site of one of the high points of his season after all.

As part of interleague play, the Indians visited the Reds the weekend of June 4-6. The teams split the first two games before Burba took the mound in the third game against his former teammates and pitcher Scott Klingenbeck.

The day turned out to be another memorable moment. Burba got the win, holding the Reds to one run in 6-1/3 innings, but that wasn't the only highlight. **With the game scoreless in the fifth inning, Burba stepped to the plate and hit a two-run homer.** It was his third career homer and the first by an Indians pitcher since Sept. 19, 1972 when Steve Dunning homered off Detroit's Mickey Lolich.

Of his homer, Burba said, "He hung a slider I think. I don't know. I was just swinging. I knew I hit it good, but I didn't know it was going out. I don't hit enough balls to know if one is going out."

Did Burba say anything to his former teammates as he was running around the bases? "I don't know," he said. "I was too busy screaming. I haven't run that hard in years. It took me a little while to settle down."

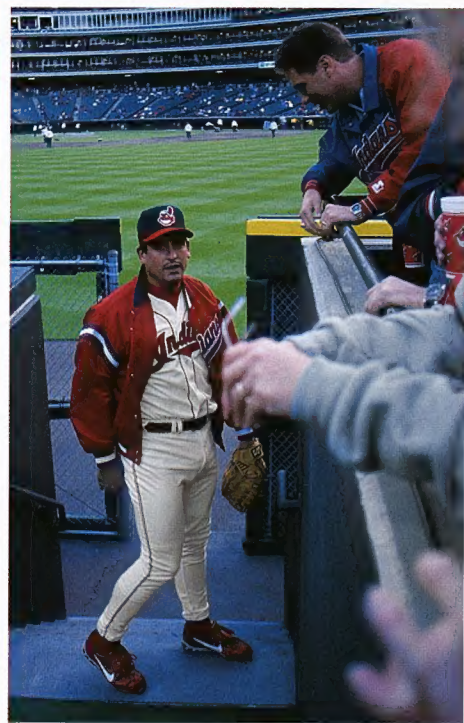
Burba tried to treat the game like a normal start. "The main thing for me is that I wanted to win the game," he said. "It wasn't an 'I'll show you' thing. I was a little nervous at the start of the game, but I have no hard feelings against the Reds. I love those guys, but I wanted to pitch well and win. It wasn't about revenge."

The weekend, when Burba's parents finally got a chance to see him pitch in Cincinnati, was special for another reason.

"Before we played the Reds I joked with some of the other pitchers about my hitting," he said. "They retired Joe Morgan's number that weekend and he was one of my favorite players when I was growing up. My first time up I did that arm flap he used to do. I wasn't trying to show anyone up. I was doing it as a tribute to him."

Burba pitched for Kenton Ridge High School in Springfield before going to Ohio State.

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Well-wishers send greetings before a game's start.





"I thought I was going to be drafted by the Yankees," he said. "I was young and I didn't throw real hard. When I went to college I was throwing 84 (mph). By my junior year I was throwing 91 to 92. I had developed as a pitcher. I was scouted pretty heavily my junior year. There were a lot of teams wanting to draft me."

Burba was taken by the Seattle Mariners with the first pick of the second round in 1987. Seattle's first pick that year was

an outfielder by the name of Ken Griffey Jr. "They took him with the first pick of the first round and they took me with the first pick of the second round," Burba said. "We started together in rookie ball and then we were together the next year. He stood out wherever he went."

Burba progressed through the Mariners' Minor League system and was in

Seattle by the end of the 1990 season, making six relief appearances. He made 22 appearances (two starts) with the Mariners in 1991. Burba was traded to San Francisco on December 11, 1991, a deal that sent outfielder Kevin Mitchell, one of the top sluggers in baseball at the time, to the Mariners. Pitcher Mike Jackson, now a teammate with the Indians, was also sent to the Giants in the deal. When Burba was traded to the Reds on July 21, 1995, he once again joined Jackson. The two have now been teammates on four different teams. "We've joked around about it," said Burba.

**While this is Burba's seventh Major League season, he didn't become a full-time starter until joining the Reds during the '95 season.** "I started a couple of games in Seattle (in 1991)," he said. "Then I went to the Giants in '92 and they moved me around from starting to the bullpen. Dusty Baker (Giants manager) told me he wanted me in the bullpen. I tried to get in the rotation every year with the Giants. I kept telling Dusty that, but he said I was too valuable in the bullpen." Burba didn't mind his time in the bullpen, but is glad those days are over. "I was either up in the bullpen or I was in the game," he said. "That helped me stay ready, but it didn't help me learn how to pitch. When I came into a game, I would throw all fastballs. My pitching coaches would tell me to just go in and throw all fastballs. I didn't learn how to develop other pitches."

After being traded to the Reds, Burba began using a split-finger fastball, which he had previously thrown only on the side. "I threw it quite a bit,"

he said. "It's a good pitch to keep hitters off-balance. It helps a lot to have a pitch that keeps hitters off-balance."

Burba got his first taste of post-season experience in '95 when the Reds won the National League Central title. Cincinnati swept Los Angeles in the Division Series before being swept by Atlanta in the National League Championship Series. Burba made three relief appearances in that post season and pitched 4-2/3 scoreless innings.

"It was great," he said. "It was the first time I had ever been in the playoffs. It was an exciting experience."

**Had the Reds defeated the Braves, they would have faced the Indians in that season's World Series.** "That was a possibility," he said. "That's who we would have played next. That's something I wouldn't have minded."

**It's a sure thing Burba won't mind pitching for the Indians this October.** It's another sure thing the Indians won't mind sending him out there. And a season that's already been memorable for Burba could produce another unforgettable chapter. ♦



Above: Burba gives Cleveland another solid start.  
Bottom right: Burba prepares to take the mound.



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## DAVID BELL

### BASEBALL LEGACY

by A.J. Bondi

David Bell may only be 25, but he has 25 years of Major League experience.



*"The fact that he was around the game quite a bit helped his mental approach. He's not in awe of his surroundings, he is comfortable."*

*— Buddy Bell  
David's Father  
and Manager of the  
Detroit Tigers*

The year David was born, his father, Buddy Bell, broke into the big leagues for the Cleveland Indians. David virtually grew up a part of professional baseball. If that isn't enough, the year Buddy was born, his father, Gus Bell, began his second year in the Majors as a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

At the end of all this confusion is one thing. David Bell has been around baseball his entire life. He comes from a family rich in baseball tradition, translating into

success for David at every level of baseball that he has moved through.

First, there were the early years. This included spending countless summers in and out of the clubhouses where Buddy played. Over his 18-year playing career, he played in Cleveland, Texas, Cincinnati, and Houston, where he won six gold gloves and made five All-Star appearances.

"I have a lot of memories from Texas," David said. "My dad played there for seven years, so I pretty much grew up there. It was an unbelievable way to grow up."

Throughout his career, Buddy spent time with his children by including them in the daily activities of a major leaguer by bringing them to the park regularly.

"He was good about having us around," said David. "We came to the park with him as much as possible. We were lucky because the teams he played for let all the kids on the field to shag fly balls. The managers were good about letting us in the clubhouse before and after the games. It was nice."

**Being the son and grandson of major leaguers definitely had its benefits.** Besides possessing the physical skills it takes, one could learn a great deal from seeing their All-Star father play night after night. David watched his father very carefully, learning a lot about the game from him.

"I picked up most of the baseball stuff just by watching him," David said. "I learned how to play the game and how to play the game hard."

Gloria Bell, David's mother, adds how Buddy was David's favorite player growing up and what it has done for his growth as a player.

"Having his dad as a role model, David learned how to act," Gloria said. "He learned how to handle situations, like the press and other players."

In addition to learning how to play the game, a great deal of intangibles were learned as part of growing up in a baseball family. Most major leaguers learn these things in time, but David had the advantage of having them instilled at an early age.

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## WELCOME TO JACOBS FIELD

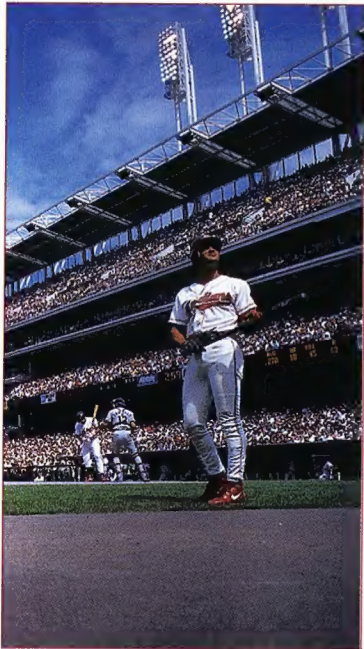


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*"It is our intention to make our home a safe, comfortable, family-oriented facility so every trip to Jacobs Field is most enjoyable."*

*"We believe these fan ground rules will ensure the intimate environment that we all seek."*

— Dennis Lehman, Indians Executive Vice President of Business

**Baseball's** most important pitch this season won't come from a mound. In an effort to combat drinking and driving, Major League Baseball, together with the Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) coalition, continues to make a comprehensive appeal to fans this year. The message: PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

As part of the TEAM program, each Major League club reviews its alcohol policies and runs public service announcements asking fans to drink responsibly and warns them against the consequences of drinking and driving.

The Cleveland Indians want you safe, because we want you back. Please drink responsibly.

In an effort to make everyone's visit to the Ballpark as safe and enjoyable as possible, a list of guidelines has been developed.

The Indians ask that you follow these guidelines, or be subject to ejection from the Ballpark, and in some cases, subject to criminal prosecution by the Cleveland Police Department.

To ensure that each game is a pleasant experience for each and every guest, the Indians have established the following **"Ground Rules:"**

- Jacobs Field is a non-smoking facility with designated smoking areas. Non-smoking areas include: the entire seating bowl of the Ballpark (including the outdoor seating of Suites and Club Seats); KidsLand; and all public rest rooms. Smoking is permitted in the following areas: Back Yard; Patio area on the Main Concourse; all three concourse levels (Main, Mezzanine, and Upper Deck) on the East Ninth Street side of the Ballpark and Upper Deck pavilion area on the Carnegie side of the Ballpark (all of these locations are open-air areas with picnic tables, concession stands, and rest room facilities nearby); Bleacher Concourse on the Eagle

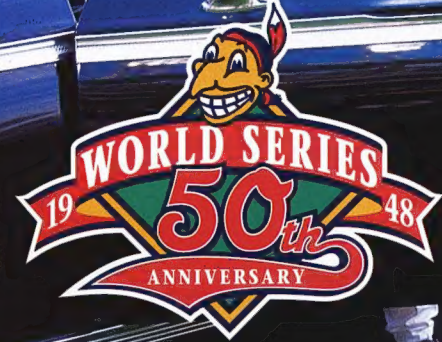
Avenue side of the Ballpark. In addition, the Terrace Club and Club Lounge have both smoking and non-smoking areas. Jacobs Field has signage identifying designated smoking areas for your convenience.

- Cans, glass bottles, plastic beverage containers, thermos bottles, and squeeze bottles are not permitted into Jacobs Field.
- Due to security concerns, hard-sided coolers and containers are not permitted. Soft-sided containers and coolers are permitted.
- Food items and juice boxes are permitted inside the Ballpark, provided they are not inside a hard-sided cooler or container.
- Pets are not allowed inside the Ballpark. However, guide dogs for persons with sight disabilities are permitted.
- The resale (scalping) of Indians tickets is strictly prohibited and subject to prosecution by the Cleveland Police Department.
- Fans are permitted to bring and display banners, provided they do not interfere with the game, obstruct the view of fans, or carry obscene, political or commercial messages. Banners may be hung from the facing of the Upper Deck. Poles and sticks are strictly prohibited.
- Fans may bring small umbrellas into Jacobs Field as long as they do not interfere with other fans' enjoyment of the game. Large golf umbrellas are discouraged.
- Cameras and video recorders are permitted. However, any resale of the photography or video is strictly prohibited. Team name, logos, and players' likenesses are all copyrighted material.
- Persons observed breaking the law (eg. using illegal drugs, or drinking alcohol underage) will be subject to immediate ejection and/or criminal prosecution.
- Persons using obscene or abusive language, or engaging in any other antisocial conduct offensive to those around them, will be asked by Indians personnel to cease this conduct. If the offensive conduct persists, those involved will be ejected from Jacobs Field.
- Persons entering the playing field, throwing or attempting to throw objects onto the field, will be subject to immediate ejection from Jacobs Field and/or criminal prosecution.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or problems, please visit one the Guest Service Centers located at Section 116 of the Main Concourse and in Section 519 of the Upper Concourse, or see one of our hosts throughout the Ballpark. The Indians thank you for your cooperation.







A WEEKEND  
OF MEMORIES  
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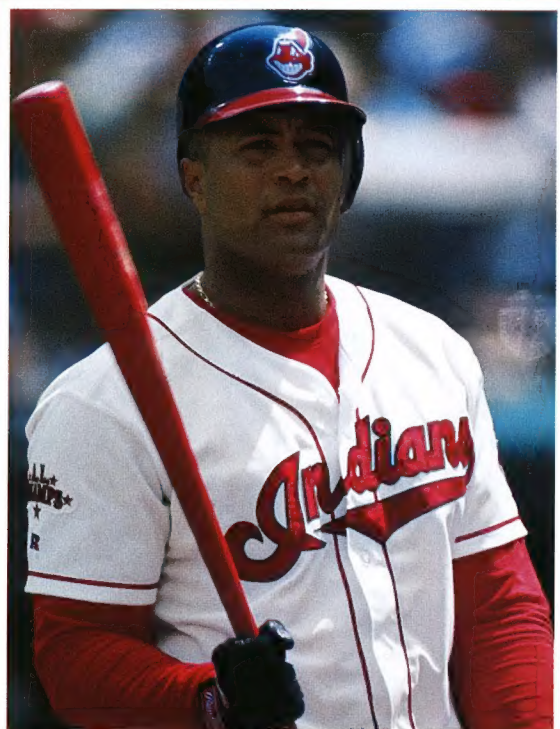




## SANDY ALOMAR, JR.

**Editor's Note:** Answering questions is part of a big leaguer's daily routine. Usually, those questions come from members of the working press. The Indians, however, have a way for you, the fans, to ask questions too — via the worldwide web at [www.indians.com](http://www.indians.com) and [www.indiansxtra.com](http://www.indiansxtra.com)

Following is an excerpt from fan questions of Indians All-Star catcher, Sandy Alomar, Jr. via the Tribe's website. Visit us in cyberspace at [indians.com](http://indians.com) soon for the latest Indians Player Q & A or sign up for [indiansxtra](http://indiansxtra.com) and participate in live chat sessions!



Whether through offense or defense (facing page), Sandy Alomar, Jr. takes pleasure in helping his team win.

## TWENTY QUESTIONS . . .

### Question 1 from Lorrie in Youngstown...

"Sandy, as a kid, did you think you would become a Major League baseball player?"

**S:** "As a kid you don't think you'll be a Major League baseball player, you just follow the game. At least, speaking for myself, I followed the game without thinking about how hard it would be to be a Major League

player. But because my dad was a baseball player, I followed the game. I was always in baseball. Baseball was around me all the time. At that point [as a child] I didn't know [I would play], but as I grew, I wanted to be a baseball player."

### Question 2 from Brian in Cleveland...

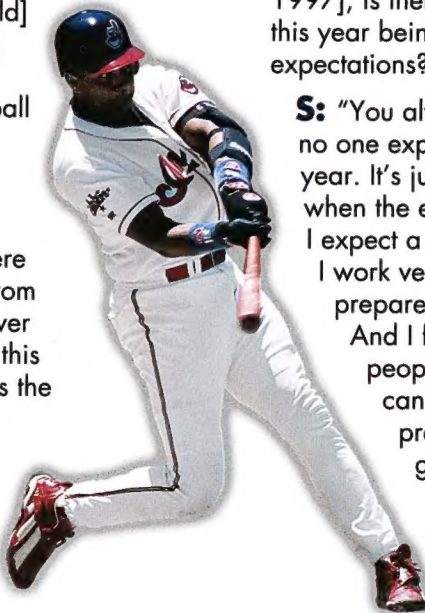
"Sandy, when you were traded to Cleveland from San Diego, did you ever think you would have this much success as far as the World Series and the turnaround you and the team have made since your arrival?"

**S:** "Every ballplayer wants to sign a professional contract and become a big leaguer — and to be in the World Series. That's the ultimate goal. When I came to Cleveland, in the beginning, it was hard to predict when the team would make it to the World Series. I saw the Indians start signing players to multi-year contracts — trying to keep their core players. It was a hard task, but they managed to do it. Now, here we are having gone to the World Series two years in the past five. I feel like I've accomplished a couple of my goals [signing a professional contract and making it to the World Series], but the biggest goal is to win it [World Series]. Hopefully we can do it in the future."

### Question 3 from Carrie in Youngstown...

"You had such a remarkable season [in 1997], is there more pressure on you this year being that people have higher expectations?"

**S:** "You always want to do well when no one expects you to have a great year. It's just a little bit easier [than when the expectations are there]. But I expect a lot from myself every year. I work very hard every day. I prepare myself for every season. And I feel like — I tell a lot of people — I feel like I produce. I can perform if I'm healthy. I prepare myself to play many games, and it [this preparation] has paid off."



**"But I expect a lot from myself every year. I work very hard every day."**

**— Indians All-Star Catcher Sandy Alomar, Jr.**





**Question 4 from Kate in Columbus...**

"I read an article in *Baseball Weekly* that your brother, Roberto, plays with your son, Marcus. Does your son see you as a "superhero" (like the rest of us) or just as a normal Dad?"

**S:** "He sees me as a normal dad. But many people . . . many kids around here . . . they see it differently. They're already asking my son, 'Oh, did you see your dad on TV?' And he tells them, 'Yeah, he was in the game' — [like that's not so unusual]."

**Question 5 from James in Columbus...**

"What kind of music do you like to listen to?"

**S:** "Well, I like a lot of techno. I like to listen to the drums. I also like salsa and merengue. I listen to all types of music [but especially] techno, jazz, salsa, and merengue."

**Question 6 from Amanda in Ashtabula...**

"What do you enjoy more — throwing a player out trying to steal, or driving in a run?"

**S:** "Both. You get a lot of satisfaction throwing guys out when you get the chance. When you get the chance to cut down a possible run that could beat you — that's what the catcher's all about. You try to stop the running game and help your team defensively. But, any time you can deliver offensively also is very helpful."

**Question 7 from Melissa in Doylestown...**

"When you work with a young pitcher like Jaret Wright or Bartolo Colon as the starter, and they begin to struggle, what do you tell them to do when you go out to the mound?"

**S:** "Well, the only advice I can give young guys like that is to be themselves. 'Let [out] the talent that brought you here . . . don't try to change anything . . . just be the same guy that got you to the big leagues.' Sometimes young kids try to change, try to pitch different in the big leagues, and there's no reason to. They have to pitch the same way that got 'em here."

**Question 8 from Jaime in Brunswick...**

"How do you prepare yourself and/or teammates before a game?"

**S:** "Because I've had many injuries in the past, I have to come to the ballpark around 2:30 PM and ride the bike a little bit. Jump in the whirlpool and try to get my knees ready for the baseball game. Before batting practice, I stretch and do a few exercises. I go to the trainer for treatment. Next it's batting practice, and from there you go."

"This locker room is very relaxed. We play music . . . but when it's time for a game — an hour before the game — everybody's got their 'game face' [on] and everybody's prepared to play baseball."

**Question 9 from Rebecca in Alliance...**

"Hi, Sandy! You're one of my most favorite players. I wanted to know, what is it like to have the ball come at you traveling 90mph when you're behind the plate?"

**S:** "When I came from high school and caught professionally, I was impressed by the repertoire of [Major League] pitches. You don't see that many different movements on the ball in high school. And when you see a guy throwing 95, you get impressed. Now that I've been catching for so long, [the speed and movements] are normal."

**Question 10 from Kim in Cleveland...**

"Sandy, I'm a big fan of yours and I wanted to know what you like most about playing in Cleveland, and do you have a best friend on the team?"

**S:** "Well, playing in Cleveland . . . what I like the most . . . is I've been here for — this is my ninth year as a Cleve-



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**"When you get the chance to cut down a possible run that could beat you — that's what the catcher's all about."**

**— Sandy Alomar, Jr. on throwing out baserunners as they try to steal**

**"Well, the only advice I can give young guys like that is to be themselves. . . . They have to pitch the same way that got 'em here."**

**— Sandy's guideline for young pitchers**





land Indian — and I've seen this organization grow. What I like about this city is that they really support a baseball team. And for a small city, compared to other big market cities, the support we

get — an electrifying ballpark — [gives me] an unbelievable feeling. And they [Cleveland fans] get the best out of you because you're gonna give them your best. Hopefully, you can put on a good show.

"As a friend, I treat everybody the same. I don't have one-in-particular guy that I like more than another. I like them all. Right now I'm sitting next to Omar Vizquel. He's a fun guy to be around. I like Kenny Lofton, Jim

Thome . . . everybody. It's a great feeling [to be around these guys]."

**Question 11 from Ryan in Elyria...**

"How do you motivate a pitcher who may be down on himself? Is there something special you say? Do you ever have to be a little mean to get your point across?"

**S:** "It all depends. You have to know the attitude of the pitcher. You have to know which pitchers you need to be more aggressive with and which pitchers you have to talk to more carefully. Our guys, pretty much, don't need to be yelled at. Only one or two guys in the bullpen are guys you really go after and say, 'Hey, let's go. Kick it in,' and stuff like that. For many of the guys, you just go out there and try to relax them . . . try not to talk baseball when you go out to the mound."

**Question 12 from Karen in Maryville, MO...**

"If in 100 years you could be remem-

bered for one thing, what would you want that one thing to be?"

**S:** "Well, I want people to remember me as a team player who played hard — a player that gave everything he had to win a World Series, to win baseball games. A team player and a great person — a great human being. [In the future] they can go back to the books and rely on that for stats. But you can't [learn about] personality in the books. Personality is so different [and can't be determined by stats]."

**Question 13 from Dave in Concord Twp...**

"When coaching new catchers, how do you get them to run down the first base line on those routine ground balls? Do you make any particular decisions on when to back up first base and when not to?"

**S:** "Usually, the only play a catcher can back up is from second base. The second baseman should cover the throw from the shortstop or third baseman, because I'm never going to get there in time — unless the ball slips away from the third baseman between home plate and first base."

**Question 14 from Marie in Seneca, SC...**

"Do you have many friends from other baseball teams? If so, is it hard to play against them?"

**S:** "Yeah, I've got friends on different baseball teams. I'm the type of guy that plays hard baseball — but clean. And when we take the field, we are all business. They know that and I know that, and I don't get upset when they play hard against me or they try to knock me down or whatever — it's part of the game."

**Question 15 from Melissa in Cuyahoga Falls...**

"Do you have any good tips for being a catcher?"

**S:** "Well, all I can tell you is you've got to work very hard. It's a long season. Catching is very demanding, very tiring. You have to condition yourself through the year and try to maintain what you've got. You can't be lazy. The catcher [gives an example to his team as to the] way you act on the field. The other



Alomar and Jackson hold a brief meeting before collecting the final outs.

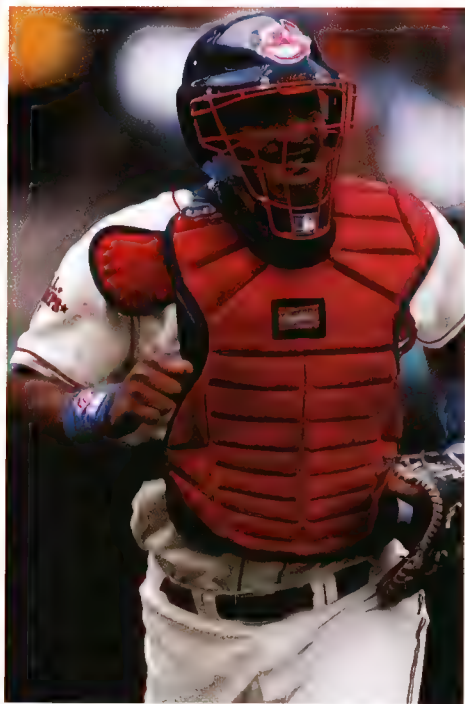
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*"... I don't get upset when they play hard against me or they try to knock me down or whatever — it's part of the game."*

*— Alomar expects hard contact, even when playing against friends.*



players [your teammates] are going to be looking at the catcher. So, if they see a player who's alive, always talking and moving around, then they'll act the same way."



As a child, All-Star Alomar, above, admired his father's (Sandy Alomar, Sr.) baseball skills. The late Thurman Munson was another of his favorite players and the reason he wears #15.

*"Oh, that was like a fairy tale."*

— Sandy's impression of his MVP performance at the 1997 All-Star game

*"I don't run like he does and he's a pure hitter. I have to work at being a good hitter. It was hard to play against him in the beginning, but now we are both professionals and are used to the situation."*

— Sandy's admiration for and feelings about playing against brother, Roberto

**Question 16 from Kristy in Manchester, MD...**

"What baseball player did you admire as a child?"

**S:** "Well, I admired my dad (Sandy Alomar, Sr.). He's who I wanted to watch. I was proud of him. I was proud he was a Major League baseball player. Other than my dad, I used to watch Thurman Munson catch for the Yankees when I was growing up — and that's why I wear #15, because he was one of my favorite catchers."

**Question 17 from Lisa in Orwell...**

"How did it feel hitting the game-winning home run during the All-Star Game?"

**S:** "Oh, that was like a fairy tale. Everybody [told me], 'You made the All-Star Game, how

about if you hit a home run to win the game? How gratifying that would be, how awesome that would be.' And I would say, 'Yeah, yeah, right.' They would ask, 'How about if you win the MVP in the All-Star Game?' [Again] I would say, 'Oh yeah, yeah, right.' Then it happened! I was running the bases and laughing because I was thinking about what everybody had told me: 'You're going to be named MVP' — because I was having a good year, a clutch year the whole year. It was very gratifying."

**Question 18 from Honey in Lordstown...**

"Hello, Sandy, my question is: How did you feel when your hitting streak [in 1997] ended?"

**S:** "I wanted it to continue going; it had been a great ride. All the players were pulling [for me]. But it was kind of like a load on my back too because of [things like] the media attention."

**Question 19 from Rebecca in Alliance...**

"Sandy, what is it like playing with and against your brother? Do either of you feel like you're ever in each other's shadow?"

**S:** "Well, no, I don't see it that way. I'm very proud of him. Roberto's the better athlete between us. And, you know, I'll never be a Robby Alomar because, first of all, he plays second base and, second, he's a much better athlete. I don't run like he does and he's a pure hitter. I have to work at being a good hitter. It was hard to play against him in the beginning, but now we are both professionals and are used to the situation. We've already played against each other in the Post Season, so it's nothing new."

**Question 20 from Krystal in Massillon...**

"If you could play on a baseball team with any one player in the history of Major League Baseball, who would it be? Why?"

**S:** "I would like to play with my brother one day — on the same team. I played with him in San Diego, but it was a short period of time. And at this time, when we are both pretty much at the peak of our careers, it would be great for both of us to play together." ♥



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## HOW TO SCORE

**Baseball fans** can enjoy the sport to the fullest extent by keeping track of the game and pinpointing those big plays that bring victory or defeat. All you need is a basic knowledge of the rules.

Although there are countless scoring methods, experts use a simple code based on numbering players by position and tracing action through the use of symbols. It's easy and fun.

In fact, why not devise your own scoring system with the basic suggestions on this page.

One such suggestion on player substitutions is to use a heavy or wavy line under or over a box to indicate a change, either of a player or batter.

If a batter flies to the rightfielder, merely use the figure 9. If it is a foul fly, use 9F.

Now that you are an official "scorer," you can really enjoy baseball games.

TEAM	Pos.	1	2
Rightfielder	9	4-6 W	
2nd Baseman	4	3 ④FO	
1st Baseman	3	=	
Centerfielder	8	SF 8	
Designated Hitter	DH	K	
Leftfielder	7		4-6 —
Catcher	2		DP 4-6-3
3rd Baseman	5		⊖
Shortstop	6		7
Pitcher	1		
TOTALS	R / H	1 / 1	1 / 2

Walked and was forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop).

Reached first on fielder's choice when runner was forced out, advanced to third on a double by 3rd place hitter, scored on 4th place hitter's sacrifice fly.

Doubled; did not advance further.

Flied out to center field scoring runner on third.

Struck out — end of the inning.

Singled: later forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop in first half of double play).

Hit into double play (2nd baseman to shortstop to 1st baseman).

Hit home run.

Flied out to leftfielder — end of inning.

### Use these SYMBOLS for Plays

- Single —
- Double =
- Triple ≡
- Home Run ≡
- Error E
- Foul Fly F
- Double Play DP
- Fielder's Choice FC
- Hit by Pitcher HP
- Wild Pitch WP
- Stolen Base SB
- Sacrifice Hit SH
- Sacrifice Fly SF
- Caught Stealing CS
- Passed Ball PB
- Balk BK
- Struck Out K
- Base on Balls BB
- Forced Out FO
- Intentional Walk IW



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### Can You Score This Play ?

The ball was hit to the shortstop, who threw it to the second baseman. The second baseman was able to force out the runner who had been at first. He then threw the ball to the first baseman to get the batter out, turning a double play.

### In this example...

The hitter reached first base on a walk, stole second, advanced to third on a pitcher's balk, and scored on a wild pitch.

BK	SB
⊖	W





### Bell Con't from Pg. 42

Bell has contributed notably to the Indians success, both at second base and at the plate.

"Once the game started, I felt very comfortable," David said. "For some reason when he's been at any of my sporting events, it's never been added

pressure. I just liked having him there because he gives me a sense of confidence. I've always had good games when he's around."

David's theory definitely rang true. During the first four games he played against the Tigers, David went seven for 12 (.583) with two doubles and six RBI in helping the Indians win all four games. In the first game in Cleveland, he hit a key two-run double in the sixth inning that proved to be the winning runs.

After the game, David said that Buddy didn't talk much about the game itself.

"We talked like we normally do," said David. "He complimented me on the way I was swinging the bat, but nothing really . . . some things are better left unsaid."

However, Buddy did have a little something to say about the Tigers loss to the Indians: "It was just great seeing David, but I preferred our dinner together more than the game." ♥



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**Indians Family Con't  
from Pg. 64**

Indians broadcaster, Mike Hegan, shared memories with his father's former teammates, including Bob Lemon, at a recent 50th anniversary celebration honoring the 1948 championship team.

only six years old during the Indians' last championship season.

"My memories are very general," Hegan says. "As a family, we probably didn't get caught up as much in that excitement as the fans did."

**What amazes Hegan today is the passion Cleveland fans still have for the 1948 club.**

"It's been 50 years and people still remember them and tell their grandkids about that season. It's astonishing to me that a lot of Indians fans out there — and I'm not one of them — remember the 1948 batting order. That tells you how special the team was. I'm constantly meeting people who tell me, 'Your father was my

mother's favorite player, and he's all we heard about while we were growing up.' I'm sure that was true of Lemon, Keltner, and the rest."

Like Marsh Samuel, Mike Hegan also enjoyed the June reunion of the 1948 team — and seeing his "uncles" of 50 years ago.

"The first thing Al Rosen said to me was, 'Remember all those museums I took you to when you were a kid?' I remembered them like the back of my hand. My dad would occasionally take me on a road trip. Al was a history buff and my father was catching 150 games a year. So after breakfast, Al would take me to the Smithsonian or another such place.

"June 19 brought back so many memories — seeing players I hadn't seen since I was six or seven years old. They remembered me and remarked about my dad. It was a pretty special day."

And for the Indians' family who helped make 1948 possible, the June reunion commemorated a very special year. ♥



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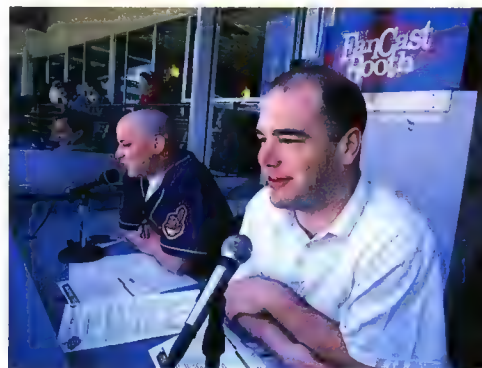


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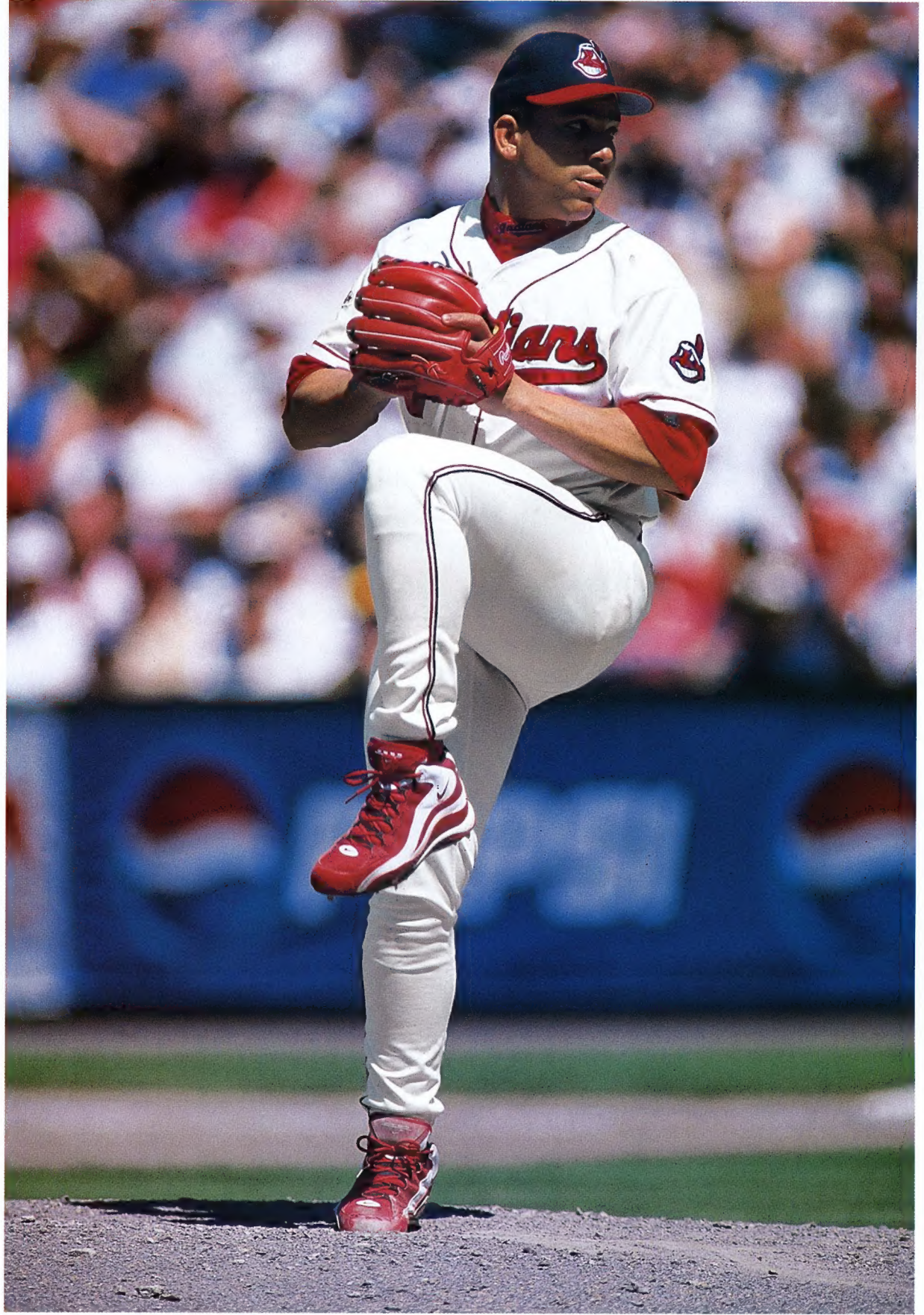


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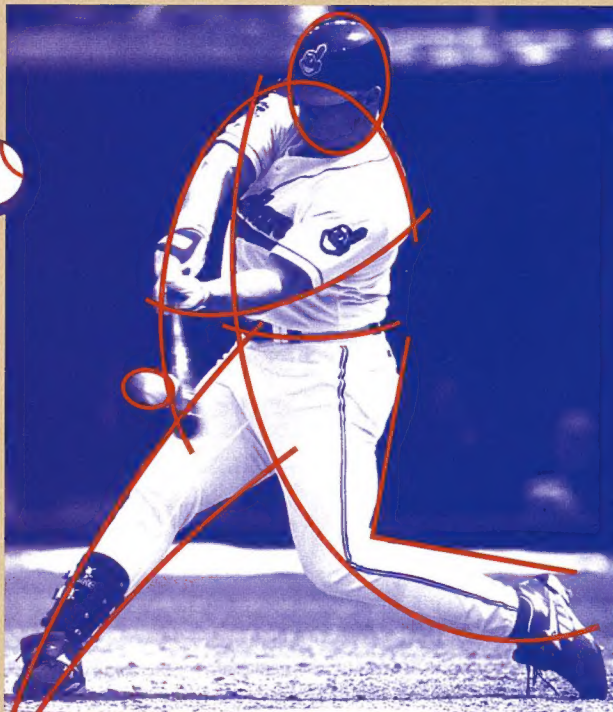


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## BOTTOM OF THE NINTH

Just another day  
at the office for  
Omar Vizquel.



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